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57 Local Businesses Recognized for Commitment to Food Safety

The Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department on Thursday recognized 57 local food establishments for their exceptional efforts to make, serve, and sell safe food to the public.

For the second year in a row, Sodexo, a national corporation that prepares food for all Helena District 1 schools, was the sole recipient of a Gold Fork Award. The top award is based on the results of an unannounced annual inspection, which is required by law and conducted by sanitarians with the health department.

Sodexo's 2011 inspection revealed no violations associated with risks of foodborne illness. The company also demonstrated that it practices all four components of an effective food safety system.

Those components are:

- on-site managers who demonstrate knowledge of food safety and take corrective action when necessary;
- ongoing monitoring of food temperatures;
- food safety training for all employees; and
- policies and procedures that make food safety a priority.

The department also issued Silver Fork Awards to 56 food establishments (see list below) that had no more than one or two minor risk-factor violations and had implemented at least three of the food-safety system components. An example of a minor risk factor might be food stored at a temperature only a few degrees warmer than required.

The health department began the annual award tradition last year, when it issued 1 Gold and 37 Silver Fork awards. To be eligible, a food establishment must offer sit-down dining and have been open for at least a year. In 2011, there were 185 eligible facilities.

For more information, contact the health department at 443-2584 or healthinfo@co.lewis-clark.mt.us.

Establishments that received Silver Fork Awards were:

- Applebee's
- Arby's Restaurant

- Augusta Dinner Club
- Broadwater School
- Bryant School
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Burger King, 2820 Prospect
- Burger King, 3130 N. Sanders
- Capital High School Cafeteria
- Captain Jack's Restaurant
- Costco Deli
- C.R. Anderson Middle School
- Dairy Queen, 1500 Prospect
- Day's Inn
- East Valley Middle School
- Great Northern Hotel Banquet Kitchen
- Hardee's, 1919 E. Custer
- Hardee's, 320 Euclid
- Hawthorne School
- Helena Dinner Club, Neighborhood Center
- Helena High School
- Helena Middle School
- Hunters Pointe Retirement Residence
- Intermountain Children's Home
- Kathy's Cafe
- Kessler School
- Lincoln School Project for Alternative Learning
- Lucca's
- Mackenzie River Pizza Co.
- Masonic Home of Montana
- McDonald's, 3060 N. Montana
- McDonald's, 1901 Prospect
- Montana Law Enforcement Academy
- No Sweat Cafe
- Pizza Hut, 2955 Prospect
- Pizza Hut, 3267 N. Montana
- Quizno's Subs, 1151 Partridge Place
- Radley School
- Ray Bjork Learning Center
- Real Food Store Deli
- Red Lion Colonial Hotel
- Romano's Macaroni Grill
- Rossiter School
- Sara's Blue Ribbon Porkies
- Shodair Residential Treatment Center
- St. Peter's Community Hospital
- Steve's Cafe
- Subway, 660 Lola St.

- Taco Bell
- Taco John's, 1450 Prospect
- Taco Treat
- Target Food Avenue Express
- Touchmark
- Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers
- Wingate Inn
- Wolf Creek School